PTO/SB/08a (07-05) (TMB 07/2005)

Approved for use through 7/31/2006, OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

SHEET 1 of 1

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known					
Application Number	10/531,623				
Filing Date	November 29, 2005				
First Named Inventor	Dalsuke Tsunoda et al.				
Art Unit	2188				
Examiner Name	Gary W. Cygiel				
Attorney Docket No.	ARGM-109US				

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS Document Number Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Examiner Cite **Publication Date** Name of Patentee or Number - Kind Code² (if known) Relevant Passages or Relevant No.1 Initials* (MM-DD-YYYY) Applicant of Cited Document Figures Appear US-US-US-US-US. IIS-US-US-US-IIS-US-US-US-US: US-US US-US-US-

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ^{5 (M known)}	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	App	of Patentee or licant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	76
		JP 2002-251312 A (with English abstract)	09-06-2002	Hitac	hi Ltd.		
		JP 2001-256098 A (with English abstract)	09-21-2001	Hitac	hi Ltd.		
		JP 2001-184240 A (with English abstract)	07-06-2001	Canon Inc.			
Examiner Signature					Date Considered		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard St.3).

For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible.

Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199, and select option 2